

### 2009 State and County Population Estimates by Age, Race, Sex, and Hispanic Origin

The US Census Bureau released its 2000-2009 state and county population estimates by age, race, sex and Hispanic origin on June 10, 2010. According to the estimates, approximately 3.4 million (or 38.9%) of New Jersey residents were “minorities” (population other than white, non-Hispanic persons), as of 2009. Hudson (65.5%) and Essex (64.7%) counties had the highest proportion of “minorities” in the state.

New Jersey had the nation’s seventh largest Hispanic population (1.45 million) in 2009. Hudson (243,500) and Passaic (176,200) had more Hispanic residents than any other county in the state. Approximately 16.7 percent of New Jersey’s residents were persons of Hispanic origin. More than two in every five residents in Hudson County and more than one in every three persons in Passaic County were Hispanics. Gloucester County’s 4.0 percent Hispanic population was the state’s lowest.

Asians constituted 7.8 percent of New Jersey’s population, the third highest percentage among the nation’s 50 states (next only to Hawaii and California). More than 52.0 percent of the state’s Asian population was concentrated in Middlesex (153,900), Bergen (132,500) and Hudson (71,000) counties.

New Jersey’s median age (38.9 years) was the 11th highest in the nation. Within the state, the median age ranged from 34.6 in Hudson County to 47.1 in Cape May County.

The elderly population (persons 65 years and over) grew by 5.4 percent in New Jersey from 2000 to 2009, faster than their younger counterpart (persons under 65, 3.2%). Consequently, the state’s proportion of elderly persons increased somewhat to 13.5 percent in 2009, from 13.2 percent in 2000. The proportion of elderly residents was highest in Cape May (21.7%) and Ocean (21.1%) counties in 2009. Hudson’s 10.8 percent elderly population ranked the lowest in the state.

The number of primary school age children (5-13 years old) declined by 6.0 percent in New Jersey from 2000 to 2009. However, the state’s secondary school age children (14-17 years old) increased by 7.0 percent during this decade. The decline of primary school age children was most severe in Essex County (-28.2%), while the increase of secondary school age children was most significant in Somerset County (+31.0%).

The Census Bureau estimates population change since the last census annually based on birth and death records, IRS migration flow data, personal characteristics file, and ACS immigration data.

The 2000-2009 population estimates by age, race, sex and Hispanic origin for the nation’s 50 states and New Jersey’s 21 counties are available online on the New Jersey Labor Market Information web site: [http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/dmograph/est/est\\_index.html](http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/dmograph/est/est_index.html). For information about population estimates for New Jersey, contact the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research, P. O. Box 388, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0388, telephone 609-292-0076, e-mail Sen-Yuan.Wu@dol.state.nj.us.